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(*d*) whether the Government have any information that the tax is still being collected in respect of trees which have ceased to exist?

THE HON. SRI KALA VENKATA RAO :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The trees are the tamarind, mango, jack, illupai, ralmyra, coconut and date.

" (*c*) A statement[a] containing the information is placed on the table of the House.

" (*d*) The Government have no information."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" May I enquire how is it that this tree tax which was nothing at all in 1943–44 in Tinnevelly district jumped up to thirty thousand and odd rupees in the next year? "

THE HON. SRI KALA VENKATA RAO :—" Perhaps many evasions have been found out."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" May I inquire whether this tree tax does not form part of the permanent settlement and as such is collected as part of the land revenue? "

THE HON. SRI KALA VENKATA RAO :—" The permanent settlement does not apply to Tinnevelly district, it is only ryotwari settlement that applies."

Abolition of the Revenue Board.

* 124 *Q.*—SRI S. B. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government propose to abolish the Revenue Board;

(*b*) whether a report in this connexion was submitted by the Board;

(*c*) if so, whether the Government will place the report on the table of the House;

(*d*) what the main functions of the Board are; and

(*e*) what other department or officer would exercise the functions of the Board, in the event of the abolition of the Board?

THE HON. SRI KALA VENKATA RAO :—" (*a*) & (*e*) The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

" (*b*) Yes.

" (*c*) As the report is a confidential one, Government do not propose to place it on the table of the House.

" (*d*) A list[b] of the main functions of the Board is placed on the table of the House."

Affairs relating to the Fisheries Department at Ennore.

* 125 *Q.*—SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have sanctioned some lorries for the transport of fish baskets from Ennore and other intermediate stations to Madras;

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 649–650 infra.

[b] Printed as Appendix IV on page 650 infra.